

**KANSAS INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL ON
EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

**August 3, 2007
SRS Learning Center – Topeka, KS**

Welcome

MEMBERS PRESENT

Maria Martinez, Parent Member
Susan Carriger, Provider Member
Sharon Hixson, Public Member
Linda Kenney, KDHE Representative
Thomas Kohmetscher, Provider Member
Nancy Krase, Provider Member
Tiffanie Krentz, Parent Member
Tom Laing, Public Member
Dr. Dave Lindeman, Regents Representative
Colleen Riley, KSDE Representative
Alice Womack, SRS Representative
Dr. Eva Horn, Public Member

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Richard Martinez - Chair, Parent Member
Jennifer Rojas, Parent Member
Julie Broski, Parent Member
Dr. Linda Mitchell, Public Member
Senator Julia Lynn, Senate Appointee
Rep. Melody McCray-Miller, House Member
Governor's Representative
Commissioner Sandy Praeger, Insurance Dept.
Scott Bruner, Kansas Health Policy Authority
Deb Voth, Provider member

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT

Doug Bowman, CCECDS Coordinator
Kim Strunk, Ks DD Council
Jennifer Crow, Coalition for School Readiness
Anne Aytes, Nurturing Families

Maria Martinez, Vice-Chair started the meeting by welcoming everyone and called the meeting to order. She gave the Chairman's regrets, as he was attending a national meeting in Kansas City.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Sharon Hixson made the motion to accept the minutes of 06/13/07 as drafted. This motion was seconded by Tom Kohmetscher. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM

Maria spoke of the Shriner’s Bowl recently played in Hays. In conversations, she learned that the Shriner’s Hospital offers services at no cost, under certain circumstances.

Jennifer Crow mentioned that the Coalition for School Readiness is hosting a breakfast next Tuesday at the National Congress of State Legislators.

BEACH CENTER FEEDBACK ON PART C PROPOSED REGULATIONS

Doug mentioned that the executive summary was sent out electronically. The full report is available and he passed around a sign-up sheet. Maria commented that she found the process to be cumbersome. Tiffanie agreed, and asked if in the future it could be narrowed down to smaller “chunks” that were more manageable. Colleen remarked that the Beach Center had accomplished a great deal of work in a very short time-frame. She thought we should thank them for their efforts. Without any objection, staff will relay these comments.

Relay ICC comments to Beach Center	Staff	September 1, 2007
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COALITION FOR SCHOOL READINESS

The Council wanted to thank Jennifer for attending in July to present her information and for coming back again today. Doug and Jennifer will be meeting soon to discuss how the Council can coordinate its activities with the Coalition.

The Coalition will be creating a early learning advisory council of state-wide early childhood advocacy groups to establish priorities and make plans to implement them. Examples of groups who will likely join are: Ks Association of School Boards (KASB), Ks National Educators Association (KNEA), Ks Parents as Teachers Association (KPATA), and the Parents-Teachers Association (PTA). Is this something in which the Council would choose to participate?

The collective memory was that last fall we had discussed the topic of joining coalitions. At that time, the Council thought it wise to refrain from joining any specific group. We could always strive to coordinate our efforts with like-minded organizations. However, our statutory mission and status seems to preclude us from outright advocacy.

We “brain-stormed” other organizations that might be of interest to Jennifer and the Coalition. Names mentioned included: KDEC, KASEA, ECHO, and the *tiny-k* Foundation.

Tom Laing made a motion that we clarify, in writing, the Council’s position about joining other advocacy groups at the September ICC meeting. Tom Kohmetscher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Maria and both Toms volunteered for the task force to draft this position paper, which will be an action item at the September 7th ICC meeting.

Draft policy paper on ICC participation with other advocacy groups	Task Force – to be named	August 24, 2007
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INTERIM COMMITTEES

Doug reported on the recent meeting of the 2010 Commission. A summary of its preliminary plan to re-align children’s programs was distributed. Public hearings will be August 20th.

Tom Laing emphasized that we are early in the process. Colleen commented that this proposal was a distraction from the more important efforts to identify adequate funding for early childhood programs. Eve remarked that the Council has always supported coordination of services across agency lines, but this proposal seemed to be a step backward.

Tom Kohmetscher made a motion that we submit testimony for the 2010 Commission. These comments should emphasize the need for more resources in early childhood. In describing the Council and its mission, we should explain our reason for advocating for quality services for ALL children. Finally, we should comment that the proposal raises more questions than it answers. Eva seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Staff will draft comments and circulate them to all Council members before relaying them on the 2010 Commission.

Draft comments and circulate to ICC members	Staff	August 10, 2007
Present testimony to 2010 Commission	Staff	August 13, 2007

SOUND START PROPOSAL

Staff gave a brief review of the recent history of the proposal, including noting that the results of the survey taken of the 36 local *tiny-k* networks had been distributed.

Linda Kenney was asked to comment on the survey results. She opined that it evidenced a familiar pattern of rural-urban split. Eva commented that we should share the results of the survey with the School for the Deaf and ask them if they would like to consider revising their previous plans into a new proposal.

In the ensuing discussion, the Council was reminded that our by-laws state quite clearly that diagnostic labels should not drive funding or service decisions. We have the obligation to advocate for ALL children with (or at risk of) a developmental delay/disability.

Tom Laing made a motion that we write a summary report of the survey results and share it with the Legislative Education Planning Committee. Further, that we not support the Sound Start proposal as it is currently proposed, because of our desire to leave decision-making on the use of resources at the local level. Sharon seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Share survey results with Ks. School for Deaf	Staff	August 13, 2007
Present testimony to LEPC	Staff	August 13, 2007

CCECDS COMMITTEES AND STRATEGIC PLAN

The task force met earlier today. It spent time reviewing the State ICC committee structure. Every member is strongly encouraged to select at least one committee to join. Failing that, the Chair may assign members. Persons of interest who are not member of the ICC are also

encouraged to join committees. This task force will work further, with a goal of achieving final ICC approval in September. Sharon and Maria volunteered to continue. Committee Chairs and the Executive Committee members are also likely members.

Eva commented that there is still a need to strengthen our connections with other partners, especially Local ICCs and our local partners in 3-5 year old services.

Contact each ICC member to clarify committee membership	Staff	September 1, 2007
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AGENCY REPORTS

Colleen reported for Education that their recently completed Leadership conference in Wichita was the largest ever. Jennifer Spencer recently took part in a collaborative meeting on inclusive services for young children in North Carolina. Only three states were selected to participate.

Alice Womack reported from SRS that the Governor recently signed an Executive Order that will lead to collective bargaining in the field of child care. This is the result of recent efforts to establish an entity to represent child care workers as a labor union.

Linda Kenney reported from KDHE that an advisory panel is being established to assist in the implementation of the newborn screening provisions passed by last year’s Legislature.

The Bureau of Family Health is also working with Vital Statistics to implement a “Follow-Back” procedure for babies born with low birth weight, known congenital anomalies, or those with low APGAR scores in the moments following birth.

Concerning the KDHE budget process, detailed narratives are now being written to accompany the FY 2009 budget numbers. Issue papers have been written and are being reviewed.

Sharon asked about the budget requests for *tiny-k*. Linda encourages that interested persons directly contact Secretary Bremby.

Dave made a motion that the Council ask for a meeting with Secretary Bremby to discuss the budget. Motion was seconded by Sharon, and passed unanimously.

Arrange for a meeting with Secretary Bremby to discuss FY 2009 budget	Staff and Chair	August 17, 2007
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In answer to a question, Mr. Bowman informed the Council that the Governor’s appointments office had indicated that they intended to make announcements in a week or two.

Our next meeting will be Friday September 7, 2007 in HAYS at the Children’s Learning Center.

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